

## PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Alberta Health Services (“AHS”) Board (the “Board”) held by Zoom conference, on January 27, 2022.

### Attendees:

**Board Members:** Mr. Gregory Turnbull, QC, Chair  
Dr. Sayeh Zielke, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Deborah Apps  
Ms. Sherri Fountain  
Mr. Hartley Harris  
Ms. Natalia Reiman  
Mr. Brian Vaasjo  
Ms. Vicki Yellow Old Woman

**Management:** Dr. Verna Yiu, President & Chief Executive Officer  
Ms. Colleen Purdy, Vice President, Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Colleen Turner, Vice President, Community Engagement & Communications  
Ms. Tina Giesbrecht, General Counsel  
Ms. Catherine MacNeill, Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel

**Regrets:** Mr. Tony Dagnone, CM  
Mr. Jack Mintz, CM  
Ms. Heidi Overguard

Mr. Turnbull acted as Chair of the meeting and Ms. MacNeill acted as Recording Secretary.

Mr. Turnbull called the meeting to order at approximately 4:15 p.m. Notice of the meeting had been properly given and quorum was met.

### ❖ Welcome & Comments from the Chair

**The following is an abstract of Mr. Gregory Turnbull’s, Board Chair, remarks at the meeting. It is not an official transcript:**

Good afternoon, everyone. I am Gregory Turnbull, Chair of the Alberta Health Services Board, and I would like to welcome you to this AHS special Public Board meeting. Thank you for taking the time to join us.

This is a special meeting of the Board to consider four motions.

To start, in the spirit of promoting reconciliation and gratitude, and in keeping with the calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, on behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that the work of Alberta Health Services takes place on historical and contemporary Indigenous lands, including the territories of Treaties 6, 7 & 8 and the homeland of the Metis.

I would also like to acknowledge the 46 First Nations communities within what we call Alberta, as well as the Metis and Inuit Peoples who form an important part of our healthcare system. We are grateful to those who have come before us and mindful of those who will follow us as we steward and protect these lands.

Before we get to the business of the day, I'd like to offer my deep gratitude and respect for healthcare workers across the province. They're continuing to work long and difficult hours to support the province through another wave of COVID-19. In particular, our people on the front lines are now caring for an unprecedented number of Albertans in our hospitals. This is difficult work. It takes a physical and emotional toll. After almost two years of pandemic, our front-line workers are understandably tired — and yet they continue to provide quality, compassionate care under ever-changing circumstances. I want to acknowledge their efforts and sacrifice, and offer them my deepest appreciation and respect.

Thank you and now to you, Verna.

❖ **Review of Agenda**

**UPON MOTION** duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda for the meeting of the Board held on January 27, 2022, which was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

❖ **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Mr. Turnbull requested that any conflicts of interest relevant to the meeting or items noted on the agenda be declared. None were declared.

❖ **Comments from the President & Chief Executive Officer**

**The following is an abstract of Dr. Verna Yiu's, President & Chief Executive Officer, remarks at the meeting. It is not an official transcript:**

Thank you, Gregory. I know our staff and physicians will appreciate your comments. I'd also like to express my gratitude for everything our people are doing every day... whether they're delivering care or supporting the delivery of care...whether they're directly dealing with the demands of COVID-19, or the demands and challenges that the pandemic has placed on other areas of the health system.

I see our people consistently rising to the challenges. I see them caring for Albertans. I see them supporting one another. I see them continuing to approach their work with professionalism and compassion. And that inspires me — as well as the entire executive and senior leadership teams — to do our very best for them.

Of course, people can't be strong all the time. We need to care for ourselves and do what we need to do to protect our physical and mental wellness. There are many supports available, easily accessible, 24/7, for AHS staff and physicians — and I'm pleased to see that our people are accessing these supports to help themselves, their colleagues and their loved ones through the pandemic.

But I'd also like to point out that AHS offers many free mental health tools and resources for Albertans. They can be accessed through our webpage: [www.ahs.ca/helpintoughtimes](http://www.ahs.ca/helpintoughtimes). There, Albertans can access the Mental Health Helpline and the Addiction Helpline...or sign up for supports such as Text4Hope, which provides daily text messages of encouragement, and Togetherall, an online network that offers anonymous, peer-to-peer mental health services. These are many more supports available through the Help in Tough Times webpage, so I encourage Albertans to visit if they are looking for assistance to get through this stressful time. And we will get through this pandemic, together.

Thank you for your time.

**1. Ratification of Mediator's Recommended Terms for Settlement AHS/UNA (Direct Nursing) Collective Agreement**

Ms. Sayeh Zielke, Vice-Chair, reported the Board has considered the Mediator's Recommended Terms of Settlement for the AHS/UNA (Direct Nursing) Collective Agreement issued on December 21, 2021. The Board reviewed the proposed Terms of Settlement to ratify such recommendations. The members support the ratification.

**UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board ratified the Mediator's Recommended Terms for Settlement for the AHS/UNA (Direct Nursing) Collective Agreement issued on December 21, 2021.**

**2. Finance Committee**

Mr. Brian Vaasjo, Committee Chair, reported that the Finance Committee met on January 27, 2022.

Mr. Vaasjo presented three motions for Board approval.

**a) DynaLIFE<sub>DX</sub> Term Sheet**

Mr. Brian Vaasjo, Committee Chair, noted the Committee reviewed terms and conditions with DynaLIFE<sub>DX</sub> for delivery of provincial community laboratory services. The Committee recommended Board approval of the same. The Board reviewed the terms and conditions, and the members support the approval.

**UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board:**

- 1. a) Approve Alberta Health Services entering into the term sheet for the provision of community laboratory services between Alberta Health Services, Alberta Precision Laboratories Ltd. and DynaLIFE<sub>DX</sub> ("Term Sheet");**
- b) On behalf of Alberta Health Services as sole shareholder of Alberta Precision Laboratories Ltd., approve Alberta Precision Laboratories Ltd. entering into the Term Sheet;**

- on the terms and conditions reviewed by the Finance Committee and the Alberta Health Services Board, with such non-substantive changes that the management of Alberta Health Services considers necessary or advisable;
2. delegate the authority to the Alberta Health Services President and CEO to execute the Term Sheet on behalf of Alberta Health Services and Alberta Precision Laboratories Ltd. in accordance with the *Delegation of Authority and Establishment of Controls for Commitments Policy*; and
  3. delegate the authority to the Alberta Health Services President and CEO to execute the Community Laboratory Services Agreement on behalf of Alberta Health Services and Alberta Precision Laboratories Ltd. in accordance with the *Delegation of Authority and Establishment of Controls for Commitments Policy* provided the final fundamental terms and conditions of the Services Agreement are not substantively different from the executed Term Sheet.

**b) COVID Interim Authorization to Spend**

Mr. Brian Vaasjo, Committee Chair, noted the Committee reviewed amendments to the COVID-19 Interim Authorization to Spend, and recommended Board approval. The Board reviewed the authorization, and the members support the approval.

**UPON MOTION** duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board approve amendments to the Authorization to Spend related to costs for the COVID-19 pandemic response previously approved by the Alberta Health Services Board on November 25, 2021, as follows:

1. the interim authorization period under the COVID Authorization to Spend be extended to end on March 31, 2022 rather than January 31, 2022;
2. the maximum expenses under the COVID Authorization to Spend be increased from \$1.112 billion to \$1.539 billion for the extended period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022; and
3. the maximum capital expenditures under the COVID Authorization to Spend remain at \$28 million for the extended period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

**c) Contract Extension with Sodexo Canada Ltd.**

Mr. Brian Vaasjo, Committee Chair, noted the Committee reviewed a one year contract extension with Sodexo Canada Ltd. and recommended same for Board approval. Board approval is required in accordance with Policy 1100 Delegation of Authority and Establishment of Controls for Commitments. The Board reviewed the recommendation, and the members support the approval.

**UPON MOTION** duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board:

1. approve an amendment to the contract between Alberta Health Services and Sodexo Canada Ltd. for housekeeping services in acute AHS facilities in Calgary and South Zones, to provide for a one year extension commencing April 1, 2022, on the terms and conditions

**reviewed by the Finance Committee and the Alberta Health Services Board, with such non-substantive changes that management of Alberta Health Services considers necessary or advisable; and**

2. **delegate to the Alberta Health Services President and Chief Executive Officer the authority to execute documentation to effect such amendment referred to above on behalf of Alberta Health Services in accordance with the *Delegation of Authority and Establishment of Controls for Commitments Policy*.**

❖ **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Gregory Turnbull, QC  
Chair

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Catherine MacNeill  
Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel